(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It would be around 400 km long Expressway as per proposed plan under National Highways Development Project Phase-VI and will be completed by 2014-15.

Reimbursement of expenditure incurred on maintenance of NH

1144. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has requested for reimbursement of expenditure incurred on maintenance of NH-11, which has been transferred to NHAI;

(b) if so, the action taken by NHAI; and

(c) whether Government are preparing a clear policy for maintenance of four lane NHAI roads during construction phase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bharatpur-Jaipur section of National Highway 11 has been entrusted to National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) on 04.08.2005. Public Works Department, Rajasthan had forwarded an estimate for repairs of patch/pot holes of this stretch for Rs. 90.44 lakh to NHAI. This estimate was modified for Rs. 47.81 lakh and subsequently the amount was released by NHAI for maintenance.

(c) During the construction phase road is being maintained by civil works contractor or BOT (Build-Operate-Transfer) concessionaire, as the case may be. Specific provision for this is made under the contract/ concession agreements.

Release of balance funds

1145. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals amounting to Rs. 12.30 crores of Rajasthan State under Inter-State Roads are pending for approval with Central Government;

(b) whether three estimates under Inter-State Road Scheme is pending with Government for technical approval and financial sanction;

(c) whether Government are still to release a balance fund of Rs. 2.10 crores to the State Government as per their demand; and

(d) if so, by when approval of proposals, sanction of estimate and release of balance funds Rs. 2.10 crores would be accorded by the Central Government and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Since 2001-02 Ministry has approved in principal 13 proposal amounting to Rs. 36.54 crore under Inter State road connectivity scheme. Out of these, ten proposals amounting to Rs. 22.42 crore have been sanctioned; two proposals amounting to Rs. 13.19 crore were returned to the State Government for modification. One proposal amounting to Rs. 0.70 crore, which was agreed in principle for widening, could not be sanctioned, since work of widening has been carried out by State Government from other resources.

(c) Funds are released depending upon the progress reports received from the State Government. So far Rs. 9.18 crore have been released for these sanctioned works.

(d) Does not arise.

Progress of GQP in Andhra Pradesh

1146. SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far on the Golden Quadrilateral Project (GQP);

(b) whether the stretches of the above project falling in Andhra Pradesh have since been completed;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time likely to be taken to complete the above said stretches of GQP as also the entire GQP?